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SUBJ: JOURNALISTS' VISITS TO DIEGO GARCIA

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1. BELIEVE THAT ON BALANCE OUR INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA WILL BE BETTER SERVED BY NOT RPT NOT REKINDLING MEDIA INTEREST IN DIEGO GARCIA THROUGH A VISIT BY JOURNALISTS AT THIS TIME. I FEEL REASONABLY SURE THAT GOA WOULD SHARE THIS JUDGMENT. AGREE WITH REF B THAT JOURNALISTS WOULD CONSIDER THEY WERE SEEING "BEFORE" STATUS. IN ADDITION, AUSTRALIAN REPORTERS' ATTENTION MIGHT FOCUS UNHELPFULLY UPON THE UTAPAO CONNECTION AND USAF FACILITIES IN THAILAND.

2. SHOULD VISIT GO FORWARD DESPITE OUR RESERVATIONS, WE
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BELIEVE AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENTS AS WELL AS OTHERS SHOULD BE

GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. WE WOULD PRESUMABLY NEED
TO INVITE REPORTERS FROM THE THREE MAJOR NEWS CHAINS AND THE
AAP.
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